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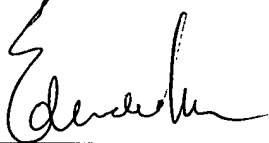
Claims 1-38 are pending.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group II (claims 9-25) for further prosecution. With this election, pursuant to the Examiner's comments in Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Applicant understands that the Examiner intends also to examine Group III (Claims 26-38) at this time, subject to a further restriction, when necessary.

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicant elects for further prosecution Species A, which is represented by Figure 1. Claims 9-24 and 26-37 are believed to read on the elected species.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (408) 392-9250, if the Examiner has any questions.

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